

REMARKS

The claims are claims 1, 2 and 4 to 12.

Claims 1 and 4 are amended. Claim 3 is canceled. New claim 12 is added. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 3. Claim 4 has been amended into independent form incorporating the limitations of base claim 1. Claim 12 corresponds to claim 2 except dependent upon claim 4.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 12 are allowable in accordance with paragraph 5 of the OFFICE ACTION. Paragraph 5 states that claims 3 and 4 are allowable if rewritten into independent form.

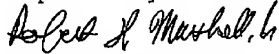
Claims 5 to 11 are allowed.

The Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this amendment. Entry of this amendment is proper at this time because the amendment serves only to clarify subject matter previously recited. Thus no new search or reconsideration is required.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early entry of this amendment, reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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